Year	Export (MMT)
2005-06	10.66
2006-07	12.76
2007-08	12.85
2008-09 (April, 2008 to December, 2008)	7.86

Decontrolling petroleum prices

783. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of steep fall in prices of crude oil in the past few months, Government has recently reduced prices of petroleum products to benefit customers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to free the pricing of petrol and diesel from its control; and

(d) if so, to what extent the decontrol on pricing of petrol and diesel or other petroleum products is going to affect the common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) In view of the recent decline in the international oil prices, the Government has reduced the Retail Selling Prices of the sensitive petroleum products on two occasions as indicated below (at Delhi), with corresponding reductions in the rest of the country:

- Effective from 6.12,2008 - Petrol by Rs.5/- per litre and Diesel by Rs.2/- per litre; and
- Effective from 29.1.2009 - Petrol by Rs. 51- per litre, Diesel by Rs.2/- per litre and Domestic LPG by Rs.25/- per cylinder.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Crude oil production by ONGC

†784.SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 67,000 crore has been invested by the Oil and Natural Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), since last seven years to enhance the production of crude oil in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.